

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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A process for producing a whetstone, wherein a whetstone pellet 4 is composed of at least one columnar base body 2 ~~to be~~ fixed on a pedestal 9, and an abrasive grain part, 5 formed on an end surface of the base body, containing numerous abrasive grains formed by electroless plating ~~on an end surface 3 of the base body 2~~. ~~Upon forming the~~ The abrasive grain part 5, is a plated layer is formed on the end surface 3 of the base body 2 ~~under~~ by stirring a plating solution containing abrasive grains, ~~whereby~~ such that the distribution of the abrasive grains in the abrasive grain part 5 ~~can be uniformized~~ is uniformly distributed.

IN THE TITLE:

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-- ~~WHETSTONE PELLET, WHETSTONE, PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING A~~
WHETSTONE AND WHETSTONE PELLETS WITH UNIFORM ABRASION LAYERS
~~THEM, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICAL ELEMENT USING WHETSTONE, AND~~
~~PROCESS FOR PRODUCING EXPOSURE APPARATUS --.~~